

its electoral process to study election procedures in the United States for educational purposes; or

(ii) take election administrators and officials of the United States or of another country, including government officials, poll workers, civil society representatives, members of the judiciary, and others who participate in the organization and administration of public elections to another country to study and discuss election procedures in such country for educational purposes.

(C) LIMITS ON ACTIVITIES.—Activities administered under the Program may not—

(i) include observation of an election for the purposes of assessing the validity or legitimacy of that election;

(ii) facilitate any advocacy for a certain electoral result by a grantee when participating in the Program; or

(iii) be carried out without proper consultation with State and local authorities in the United States that administer elections.

(D) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Center should establish and maintain a network of Global Electoral Exchange Program alumni, to promote communication and further exchange of information regarding sound election administration practices among current and former Program participants.

(E) LIMITATION.—A recipient of a grant under the Program may only use such grant for the purpose for which such grant was awarded, unless otherwise authorized by the Center.

(F) NONDUPLICATIVE.—Grants made under this paragraph may not be duplicative of any other grants made under any other provision of law for similar or related purposes.

(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2022 through 2026 to carry out this subsection.

(d) CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act and annually thereafter for the following 2 years, the Center shall provide a briefing to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives regarding the status of any activities carried out pursuant to subsection (c) during the preceding year, which shall include—

(1) a summary of all exchanges conducted under the Global Electoral Exchange Program, including information regarding grantees, participants, and the locations where program activities were held;

(2) a description of the criteria used to select grantees under the Global Electoral Exchange Program; and

(3) recommendations for the improvement of the Global Electoral Exchange Program in furtherance of the purpose specified in subsection (c)(2).

SA 4678. Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. BENNET) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title X, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES STUDY ON OPPORTUNITIES FOR USE OF VETERANS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO PURSUE CAREERS IN OUTDOOR RECREATION.

(a) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study on the use by veterans of educational assistance provided under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pursue careers in outdoor recreation.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The study required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) Identification of opportunities for veterans to use educational assistance provided under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pursue careers in outdoor recreation in the private sector and in the public sector.

(2) Identification of any difficulties with using the educational assistance provided under laws administered by the Secretary to veterans to pursue careers in outdoor recreation in the private and public sector, including trained, apprentice, assistant, and certified guides.

(3) Assessment of the availability of opportunities for careers in outdoor recreation at the following:

(A) The Department of Agriculture.

(B) The Department of the Interior.

(C) The Army Corps of Engineers.

(D) The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

(4) Identification of any challenges veterans may have pursuing careers in outdoor recreation at the agencies list under paragraph (3).

(5) Identification of options to increase opportunities for veterans to pursue careers in outdoor recreation at the agencies listed under paragraph (3).

(c) STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES.—In conducting the study required by subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall obtain the perspectives of the outdoor recreation industry, veterans groups focusing on the outdoors, nongovernmental organizations, and other interested stakeholders.

(d) BRIEFING AND REPORT.—

(1) BRIEFING.—Not later than 240 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall provide the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives a briefing on the study required by subsection (a).

(2) REPORT.—After providing the briefing required by paragraph (1), the Comptroller General shall submit to the committees described in such paragraph a report on the findings of the Comptroller General with respect to the study completed under subsection (a).

(e) OUTDOOR RECREATION DEFINED.—In this section, the term “outdoor recreation” means recreational activities undertaken for pleasure that—

(1) generally involve some level of intentional physical exertion; and

(2) occur in nature-based environments outdoors.

SA 4679. Mr. VAN HOLLEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . TREATMENT OF HOURS WORKED UNDER A QUALIFIED TRADE-OF-TIME ARRANGEMENT.

Section 5542 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(h)(1)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or section 5545b, any hours worked by a firefighter under a qualified trade-of-time arrangement shall be disregarded for purposes of any determination relating to eligibility for, or the amount of, any overtime pay under this section, including overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act in accordance with subsection (c).

“(B) The Director of the Office of Personnel Management—

“(i) shall identify the situations in which a firefighter shall be deemed to have worked hours actually worked by a substituting firefighter under a qualified trade-of-time arrangement; and

“(ii) may adopt necessary policies governing the treatment of both a substituting and substituted firefighter under a qualified trade-of-time arrangement, without regard to how those firefighters would otherwise be treated under other provisions of law or regulation.

“(2) In this subsection—

“(A) the term ‘firefighter’ means an employee—

“(i) the work schedule of whom includes 24-hour duty shifts; and

“(ii) who—

“(I) is a firefighter, as defined in section 8331(21) or 8401(14);

“(II) in the case of an employee who holds a supervisory or administrative position and is subject to subchapter III of chapter 83, but who does not qualify to be considered a firefighter within the meaning of section 8331(21), would so qualify if such employee had transferred directly to such position after serving as a firefighter within the meaning of such section;

“(III) in the case of an employee who holds a supervisory or administrative position and is subject to chapter 84, but who does not qualify to be considered a firefighter within the meaning of section 8401(14), would so qualify if such employee had transferred directly to such position after performing duties described in section 8401(14)(A) and (B) for at least 3 years; and

“(IV) in the case of an employee who is not subject to subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84, holds a position that the Office of Personnel Management determines would satisfy subclause (I), (II), or (III) if the employee were subject to subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84; and

“(B) the term ‘qualified trade-of-time arrangement’ means an arrangement under which 2 firefighters who are subject to the supervision of the same fire chief agree, solely at their option and with the approval of the employing agency, to substitute for one another during scheduled work hours in the performance of work in the same capacity.”.

SA 4680. Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, and Mr. CRAMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such